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**METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA VIRUS DISEASE BY USING THE RECOMBINANT CAPSID PROTEIN VIRUS (P26)**

**REGULAR OR DESIGN APPLICATION**

[ ] was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_.

[X] was described and claimed in International application No. PCT/BR97/00081 filed on 19 December 1997 and as amended on (if any).

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)	Priority Claimed
Brazil	18 December 1996	PI 9606273-8	yes

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